

House State Government Subcommittee Amendment No. 1
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Amendment No. 1 to SJR0687

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 687*

by deleting the language in the resolution in **Section 12** and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 12.

(a) As prescribed by law or at the request of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor in case of the governor's temporary incapacity or absence from the state.

(b) In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the lieutenant governor; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the lieutenant governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the senate; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the senate, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the house of representatives; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the house of representatives, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve as determined by law.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in its entirety the following language from the resolution:

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be further amended by deleting Section 17 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 17.

A secretary of state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at the same time and for the same term as the governor. The secretary of state's qualifications shall, in all respects, be the same as the governor. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as secretary of state for additional four-year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term. The secretary of state shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he or she shall have been elected. The secretary of state shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the general assembly. The secretary of state shall perform such other duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language in the resolution in **Section 20** and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 20.

During the thirty-day period immediately following the 2014 August general election, and during the same period every four years thereafter, each candidate for governor shall select a candidate for lieutenant governor. At the 2014 November general election, and every four years thereafter, each voter shall cast a single vote for a slate of two candidates running together for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The slate of the governor chosen pursuant to Article III, Section 2, shall be deemed to be elected.

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